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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DUTCH PRIMIN AND FONMIN TO BONN

1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ON AUG 24
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, CHARGE INQUIRED ABOUT VISIT PRIME
MINISTER DEN UYL AND VAN DER STOEL HAD MADE TO BONN THE
PREVIOUS DAY. THE FONMIN INDICATED THAT THE PURPOSE WAS
TO HAVE A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON ON MAJOR DIPLOMATIC
QUESTIONS, INCLUDING US-EC RELATIONS. THE DUTCH AND
GERMANS HAD DISCUSSED STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO ASSIST AND
STIMULATE THE RUROPEANS IN DEVELOPING A COMMON AND
MEANINGFUL RESPONSE TO THE US INITIATIVE CALLING FOR A
REASSESSMENT AND REVITALIZATION OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.
VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT THE DUTCH WERE SATISFIED THAT
THEY HAD REACHED A MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH THE GERMANS
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ON THE KIND OF RESPONSE THAT WOULD BE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE

TO THE EUROPEANS AND THE US. THE EC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10-11 WOULD OF COURSE BE OF DECISIVE IMPORTANCE REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE RESPONSE ON WHICH THE EUROPEANS COULD AGREE.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE CHARGE INQUIRED ABOUT THE CURRENT SPAT IN FRENCH-FRG RELATIONS. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS ANY FOUNDATION FOR FRENCH ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FRG WAS SLIDING AWAY FROM EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY TOWARD A NEUTRALITY POLICY. BRANDT AND SCHEEL HAD IN FACT CONFIRMED TO THEIR DUTCH VISITORS THAT THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO ACCORD PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ITS WEST-POLITIK, WHICH ALONE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FRG TO PURSUE ITS OST-POLITIK AS PRESENTLY DEFINED. VAN DER STOEL ADDED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM DERIVED FROM THE TESTY PERSONALITY OF JACQUES CHIRAC, WITH WHOM SEVERAL DUTCH OFFICIALS HAD HAD BRUSHES IN THE PAST.

3. WE WOULD SURMISE FROM VAN DER STOEL'S COMMENTS THAT THE GON FEELS RATHER COMFORTABLE AND CONFIDENT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE FRG UNDER BRANDT AND SCHEEL.
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